Morgantown Police Department

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"Malicious Assault Arrest"

On September 16, 2014 at approximately 6:16 p.m., officers of the Morgantown Police Department responded to 1246 University Avenue for a reported fight. As officers were responding to the scene additional information was provided that one of the suspects was armed with a knife and had fled the scene towards Ruby McQuain Park.

Officers detained a suspect matching the description of a person involved in the fight at Ruby McQuain Park and other officers encountered a number of individuals who were present during the incident. As officers investigated the incident they were able determine that the suspect in Ruby McQuain Park was involved with a verbal altercation with the victim and that the suspect waited for the victim to go outside. When the victim exited the building at 1246 University Avenue, the suspect produced a knife and confronted him.

The suspect grabbed the victim and held a knife to the victim's throat and then fled the scene. The Suspect was identified as Robert **PRESTON**, 52 years of age of Morgantown, was taken into custody without further incident. The knife believed to have been used in this assault was found in possession of **PRESTON** at the time of arrest. **PRESTON** was booked into the North Central Regional Jail awaiting arraignment.

The victim was not injured during this incident.

The Morgantown Police Department is committed to its goal of eliminating crime in our city. Citizens are encouraged to become a **"Partner in Policing"**, by reporting suspected criminal activity to Morgantown Police Department Switchboard at (304) 284-7522. If you need immediate Police attention or a crime is in progress call 911.

Ed Preston
Chief of Police